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SUMMARY.

James's Gazette says that Japan is certain to strike before the Russian squadron at Siberia reaches Port Arthur.

It is thought in London that Japan is only a few weeks from Vladivostok.

Japan is to commence operations in January.

The rate of war risks for a three-months' policy at Lloyd's is 40 guineas per cent.

There is some demand for speculative insurance against the risk of a declaration of war within a month.

As high as 40 guineas per cent, has been given by the underwriters agreeing to pay the total loss if war breaks out within a month.

The Admiralty is prepared for every eventuality.

The British cruiser squadron has presumably gone to the West Indies, but it will be found in the right place if required.

It is understood that the Japanese, on the return from East Asiatic stations, and possibly on the Australian stations have secret orders.

The Russians at Port Arthur seem to feel the absence of docks.

The English in the vicinity soon have got bottom, thus impeding their speed.

Russia has ordered 90,000 tons of Welsh coal in addition to her normal supply, all to be shipped by the end of December.

There have been rumours of the assembling of military transports at Hiroshima.

Japan has handed to Russia her reply regarding reconsideration of certain essential points.

It is reported in London that Japan demands the prompt recognition of the treaty provisions in regard to Korea and Manchuria.

The Japanese have issued an ultimatum to Germany, stipulating the delivery of the oysters from Lascarisca to restrict production.

There are sinister reports of preparations for fresh massacres at Kishineff.

Two men have been sentenced to seven and five years penal servitude respectively in connection with the Kishineff atrocities.

Twenty-one other men have been more lightly punished.

The British newspapers express contemptuous amusement of the Kaiser's statement in regard to the Germans saving the British army from destruction at Waterloo.

It is understood that Mr. Lockyer is drafting a report upon foreign trade for the information of the Commonwealth Government.

A conference of Treasurers to discuss State financial problems is to be held during the second week in January.

The Minister for Customs has received from the Comptroller a report embodying a scheme for the reorganisation of the service.

Alderman D. D. Mervin returned from Japan to the Kanto Maru yesterday.

He says there is an intense desire in Japan for war, and that the people are giving half the rice crop to the Government for patriotic purposes.

While in Japan Alderman Fitzgerald was constantly shadowed by four police agents and regarded as a Russian spy.

A bill is before the Western Australian Parliament to authorise the raising of Australian funds by a loan of £1,000,000.

The consumption of Collado Creek (Q.) coal at Port Pirie exceeded by 30 per cent. that of other Australian coal for similar work.

At Prospectine (Q.) Mr. Hampton accidentally shot his daughter, Mrs. Winton, with fatal results.

An extensive fire occurred at Wexton on Monday, practically a block of buildings being destroyed.

A verdict of accidental death has been returned in regard to the Innamincka fatality.

The North Coast Company, Ltd., St. George, bound from Newcastle for Brisbane River, struck a little seal rock on Monday night.

The captain found that the vessel was leaking, and he beached her six miles south of Seal Rock.

There are prospects of salvage if the weather remains fine, but it is feared that the St. George will be lost if heavy seas occur.

Mr. J. R. B. Smith, commercial agent, is in Sydney to represent his firm for the purchase of 250 tons of pig lead.

Mr. Kidd states that his department has not received any intimation of a pre-arranged against Australian leather in London.

He adds that there is such a prejudice against the Agricultural Department.

The Political Labour League has endorsed the candidature of Mr. Ritchie (miners' general secretary) for the Kurnell seat.

The result of the election of Liberal and Labor candidates in the field, but a definite selection has not been made.

A branch of the Liberal and Reform Association was formed at a meeting at Drummoyne on Monday night.

Mr. Garlick, M.L.A., said that Ministers were aware of their abuse of the public service, which exposed their acts of maladministration.

The Railway Commissioners have intimated that the all-night trains are unprofitable, and that they cannot extend the system.

The Arbitration Court has confirmed the New South Wales application to prevent the owners from reducing the selling price of coal.

A remittance of £24 has been received by the Government from the Chinese for the payment of debts to distressed farmers.

Mr. Waddell expects that before June 30 next the principal portion of the wheat and fodder supplied to farmers will be paid for.

The polling for the Senate up to yesterday was as follows:—Neilid, 187,045; Fulford, 181,265; Gray, 182,365; Griffith, 194,975.

No additional returns in respect of incomes were received yesterday.

The referendum vote so far is as follows:—For 50 members, 15,638; for 125 members, 45,207; for 160 members, 9021.

The result of the primaries have occurred in the Western District.

(The Western Lands Commissioners have toured the area under their jurisdiction, and report that the prospects during the past year are good.

Mr. Seddon says that the success of the New Zealand local loan of £500,000 is assured.

The missionary steamer John Williams will return to Sydney from this island this evening.

The Admiralty has decided to send the Hume to search for the missing barque Milwark.

Sir William Lyne says there are farmers in the Hume who will reap 40 bushels per acre, and that the average for the district will be 24 bushels.

One new lake has been discovered near Roura on native land recently purchased by the Government.

The official correspondence in reference to the release of the German subject Stelling is published.

The German Consul-General in some of his telegrams to the Prime Minister referred to a possible indemnity.

New South Wales in their first innings against South Australia scored 624 runs.

South Australia in the first innings made 1,111, and won the match by two wickets in the second innings for 62.

The match between the Englishmen and the Jesters in Melbourne resulted in a one innings win for the former.

At the cricket rifle meeting which concluded at the Casino, Richardson, of Bathurst, won the Markman's Match.

Customs officers yesterday made one of the largest raids of what are believed to be contraband goods ever effected in Sydney, one ton being 40,000 cigars.

There were only a few transactions in investment securities on the Stock Exchange yesterday, and prices were steady.

A moderate amount of business was done in the Mining market, without important alterations in quotations.

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TRANS will leave Sydney at 9.30 a.m.

TODAY, Wednesday, at 9.10 a.m.

FRIDAY, Dec. 26 (Christmas Day), 9.10 and 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26 (Boxing Day), 9.10 and 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27 (Second-class), 9.10 a.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 28 (First-class), 9.10 a.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 29 (Second-class), 9.10 a.m.

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one of the surprises of the tour was the very general adoption of Water-tube, and not water-tube, types of boiler, not always of that make. In England, the United States, and Canada, coal-fired water-tube boilers are not so much discredited, but used there as commonly in Germany, in Vienna, Buda-Pesth, Milan, etc., and in America.

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